

White Sands Nat'l Monument	Holloman AFB	NM	505-679-2599	www.nps.gov/whsa/	At the northern end of the Chihuahuan Desert lies a mountain-ringed valley called the Tularosa Basin. Rising from the heart of this basin are the glistening white sands of New Mexico. Great wave-like dunes of gypsum sand have engulfed 275 square miles of desert.	7
Chamizal Nat'l Monument	El Paso	TX	915-532-7273	www.nps.gov/cham/	The Chamizal Treaty of 1963 was a milestone in diplomatic relations between Mexico and the United States, resulting in the peaceful settlement of a century-long boundary dispute between the neighboring countries.	7
Carlsbad Nat'l Park	Carlsbad	NM	505-785-2232	www.nps.gov/cave/	Established to preserve numerous caves within a Permian-age fossil reef, this park contains more than 100 known caves, including Lechuguilla Cave, the nation's deepest and fourth longest limestone cave at 1,567 feet.	8
Guadalupe Mountains Nat'l Park	Salt Flat	TX	915-828-3251	www.nps.gov/gumo/	Rising from the desert, this mountain mass contains portions of the world's most extensive Permian limestone fossil reef. Guadalupe Peak, the highest point in Texas at 8,749 feet is a significant park feature	8
Petroglyph Nat'l Monument	Albuquerque	NM	505-899-0205	www.nps.gov/petr/	An estimated 25,000 images carved by native peoples and early Spanish settlers are protected here. Many of the images are recognizable as animals, people, brands and crosses; others are more complex - their meaning, possibly, understood only by the carver.	9